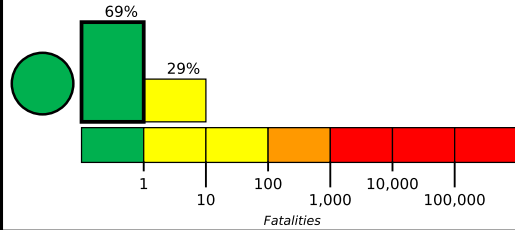


M 5.1, 3 km SE of Sparta, North Carolina

Origin Time: 2020-08-09 12:07:37 UTC (Sun 08:07:37 local)
Location: 36.4835° N 81.1053° W Depth: 5.0 km

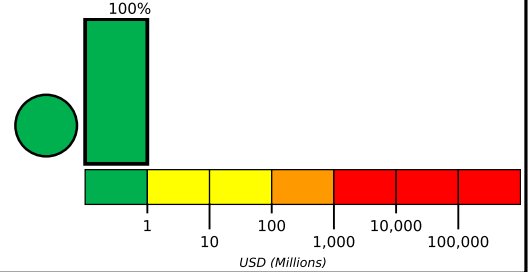
Created: 33 minutes, 59 seconds after earthquake

Estimated Fatalities



Green alert for shaking-related fatalities and economic losses. There is a low likelihood of casualties and damage.

Estimated Economic Losses

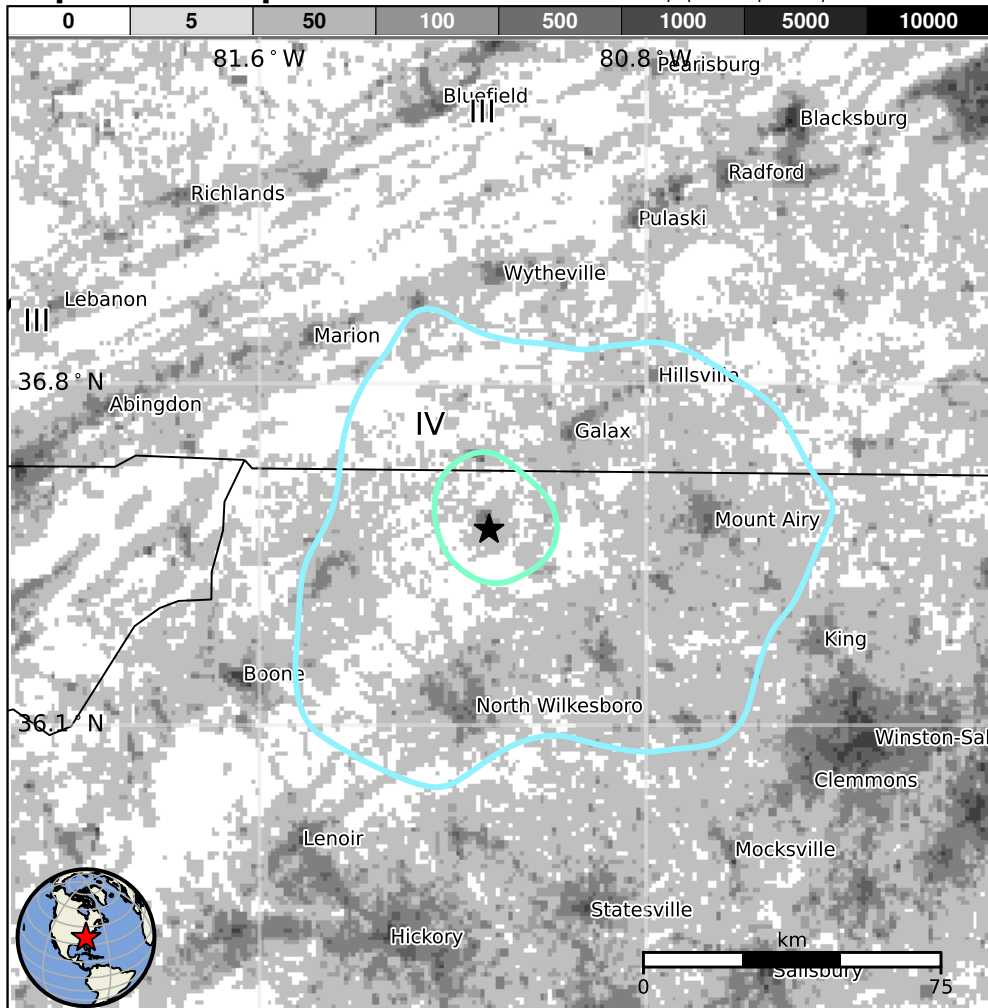


Estimated Population Exposed to Earthquake Shaking

| ESTIMATED POPULATION EXPOSURE (k=x1000) | —* | 2,067k* | 334k | 9k | 2k | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
|---|-----------------------|---------|-------|----------|----------|-------------|------------|------------|----------|
| ESTIMATED MODIFIED MERCALLI INTENSITY | I | II-III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | IX | X+ |
| PERCEIVED SHAKING | Not felt | Weak | Light | Moderate | Strong | Very Strong | Severe | Violent | Extreme |
| POTENTIAL DAMAGE | Resistant Structures | None | None | None | V. Light | Light | Moderate | Mod./Heavy | Heavy |
| | Vulnerable Structures | None | None | None | Light | Moderate | Mod./Heavy | Heavy | V. Heavy |

*Estimated exposure only includes population within the map area.

Population Exposure



Structures

Overall, the population in this region resides in structures that are resistant to earthquake shaking, though vulnerable structures exist. The predominant vulnerable building types are unreinforced brick masonry and reinforced masonry construction.

Historical Earthquakes

| Date (UTC) | Dist. (km) | Mag. | Max MMI(#) | Shaking Deaths |
|------------|------------|------|------------|----------------|
| 1974-08-02 | 316 | 4.9 | V(12k) | — |
| 1973-11-30 | 267 | 4.6 | V(190k) | — |
| 1980-07-27 | 315 | 5.0 | VI(50k) | 0 |

Selected City Exposure

from GeoNames.org

| MMI | City | Population |
|-----|---------------|------------|
| VI | Sparta | 2k |
| V | Independence | 1k |
| IV | Hays | 2k |
| IV | Thurmond | 2k |
| IV | Mulberry | 2k |
| IV | Fairplains | 2k |
| IV | High Point | 104k |
| III | Salisbury | 34k |
| III | Hickory | 40k |
| III | Winston-Salem | 230k |
| III | Blacksburg | 43k |

PAGER content is automatically generated, and only considers losses due to structural damage. Limitations of input data, shaking estimates, and loss models may add uncertainty.

<https://earthquake.usgs.gov/earthquakes/eventpage/se60324281#pager>

bold cities appear on map.

(k = x1000)

Event ID: se60324281